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THE MERGER A FACT

n the closing days of March and ng the early days in April, the ical changes were made that ged the district offices of the Amer- Board and of the American Mis- ary Association with the several ferences of the Pacific Slope. This not mean that any one of these tern conferences is to do the en- work done by these particular ials. It is now distributed and a tion of it goes to each Superin- lent.

hese offices for the greater part heir history were to interest givers collect money for their societies. h the coming of the apportion- t these offices functioned with the eral plans until time and experi- e proved that there was needless lication. A few years ago the erican Missionary Association del- ted to Dr. George W. Hinman cer- administrative responsibilities for district, but with the new arrange- it voted at Washington, D. C., each ference takes over the work nging to that conference and with promotional matters under a new gram of solicitation and the admin- ation delegated there was no longer d for that office. The American rd office was purely promotional, ept for the work of meeting and eding missionaries. This latter vice will now be handled locally in h of the ports of entry.

he local task therefore, is not rly so large as many imagine, and en once organized and understood, l move quite easily and inexpen- ely. The purely promotional mat- s wait for the results of the Re- nal Council which meets in San ncisco April 27-28, when delegates l gather from Oregon, Washington, ho, Arizona, New Mexico and the California Conferences. The new motional Secretary, Dr. F. L. gley, will be at that conference, en the policy and methods for ducting this part of the work will carefully discussed.

We have therefore reduced our ms from five to three, with 421 elan Building as the central room. e of the other rooms will be used displaying literature, stocks of plies, slides, etc., with a desk for ssionaries or other visitors and an portunity for missionary study and search. We gladly extend this priv- ge to visitors and friends.

We are going to miss the pleasant lowship of Secretaries Kelsey, Hin- n and Holmes. They were royal thers to work with. We shall also ss the faithful and devoted services Miss Edith M. West of the Amer n Board offices and Miss Ada M. illicorn of the American Missionary sociation. The closing of these ices means more to them than to y of the others. They have many d warm friends who will follow em with interest.

The aim of the Northern California nference will be to render service. e hope to serve the interests of our ngregational work in a way that ll commend itself to the National uncil, the National Societies, and to r own constituency. We will wel- me suggestions for the improvement such methods as we adopt. At pres- t we will not enlarge our force. til the demands are greater we can ndle the work. We seek adminis- ative efficiency, low overhead, and increased giving. Our tasks are heavy. Our present returns are inadequate. We work for larger gifts and a greater work at a reduced cost to the donors. Call and see us in our transformed quarters.

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SAN FRANCISCO ARMENIAN

Sunday, March 14, the Armenians who have in recent years come into San Francisco from their colonies in the San Joaquin Valley, celebrated the establishment of a new Congregational church under the leadership of Rev. H. A. Kartozian. The Conference was represented by Superintendent and Mrs. Minchin, Dr. and Mrs. Hinman, and Mr. and Mrs. Finch of Mission Park Church. The Armenian Evangelical Union,of which Mr. Kartozian is president, was represented by Rev. Mr. Sartanian, pastor of the Armenian Presbyterian church of Kingsburg and Rev. G. M. Manavian, pastor of the Armenian Congregational church of Fowler. Addresses of greeting were given by the various ministers present.

A very interesting history of the church was presented by the clerk. Mr. Dildilian, showing how two previous attempts to organize had failed through lack of the right leadership and a proper meeting place. But there had been a faithful few who stood by in spite of all discouragements and when it was possible to secure for this important and strategic opportunity the services of Mr. Kartozian, the future of the enterprise was assured. The congregation has secured the old California Street M. E. church near Divisadero, and over a hundred and fifty persons were present for the recognition service. The exercises were characterized by several fine musical numbers given by a large choir of young people. Scripture reading and some of the addresses and hymns were in the Armenian language, but many of the younger ones present were glad to hear the English addresses as they are beginning to be strangers to the language of their parents.

At the close of the services the representatives of the conference fellowship and the other Armenian churches were escorted to the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. Adams, who served us a bountiful dinner, including choice Armenian as well as American dishes. It was a delightful opportunity for acquaintance and understanding of this loyal group who have come to the Congregational relation, as a result of the missionary work of the American Board in the Near East. In view of the tragic history of this martyr nation, it is a satisfaction to offer to some of those who have escaped the fellowship of our Congregational churches. Now that we have this newly organized group in San Francisco, it is to be hoped that there may be many visits such as we made to this recognition service, and this new sister church may be widely known by Congregationalists around the Bay.

GEO. W. HINMAN.

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OUR SUBSCRIPTION LIST

Many subscribers have read our appeal in the last number and promptly sent us remittances. Others are completing church lists and will remit soon. On the other hand, we cancelled about 100 subscribers who were badly in arrears and we have a much larger list that we will be obliged to drop unless payments are made very soon. The price is low and the labor is heavy. We wish to avoid sending a letter notifying those who are delinquent. Let us make a good showing for the paper before our Conference at Asilomar.

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WITH THE WOMEN

The regular monthly meeting of the C. W. M. S. was held at the First Congregational Church in Oakland on March 18, 1926. Meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Swartz, at 10:30. Mrs. L. L. Wirt, secretary of Prayer Guild conducted the devotional services. After the roll call, Mrs. Ferrier brought greetings from the W. B. M. P. and upon motion both she and Miss J. Jillson on her work in Brousa, ing members for the day.

After reading of the minutes, reports were heard from Miss G. Barker, treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Holcomb, Secretary of Literature, and Mrs. I. J. Condit, Young People's Secretary. In Mrs. Miles Fisher's absence, Mrs. C. F. Roper reported for the Friendly Relations Committee. Acting on Mrs. D. Goodsell's report, in order to more fully interest the women of our diifferent nationality groups in the work of the Board, it was decided to invite two women from each of these groups to attend the next meeting and report on their work.

In connection with a letter from the W. B. M. P. in regard to subscriptions to the Missionary Herald, it was suggested that each state might have a quota and that a goal be set for each auxilliary in the Northern California Conference for both Missionary Herald and American Missionary Magazine.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1 p. m. and most interesting and instructive talks were given by Miss J. Jillson on her work in Brousa and by Mrs. C. F. Roper on her recent visit to Hampton College. Reports were also read by Miss M. Farnham, Home Field Secretary, and Mrs. H. S. Ranney, Foreign Field Secretary.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

The regular spring meeting of the Congregational Women's Missionary Society of Northern California will be held at the Hayward Congressional Church on April 9, 1926. There will be both morning and afternoon sessions. Luncheon will be served for fifty cents, for which reservations must be made beforehand.

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THE NEXT COUNCIL

Our Committee on the National Council wishes to know what our ministers and laymen think is the better date for meeting at Omaha in 1927. They favor the first week in May. The Superintendents favor the first week in June. Which week do you prefer?

THE YEAR BOOK REPORT

Proof sheets for the Year Book arrived April third. The record of the year is most complimentary to the Conference. Our membership is now 17,385, a net increase of 404 during the year. We had large accessions, 1896, but these were offset by removals numbering 1317. Of this latter number 698 were by revision of roll.

Our benevolances totaled $60,596.00, a gain of $8,698.00 over last year. Our Home Missionary receipts show a decrease of $173.00, the Education Society shows a decrease of $413.00. All the others show substantial increases, especially the foreign boards, as both combined show an increase of $5,562.00 and the A. M. A. showing a gain of $669.00. Our average salary has increased $173.00 a year.

Our Sunday School enrollment is the only tabulated decrease in the Year Book. It shrunk 150. This type of reporting varies more than any of our statistics. The general impression would indicate a substantial growth in Sunday School membership.

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M. E. M. CONFERENCE

Three months, and then cometh—our M. E. M. Conference! Just three, busy, fleeting months in which to complete arrangements for sending your delegates to this important training school of missionary education. All delegates should be carefully selected with reference to their future leadership in the missionary activities of the local church. Every church in California should be represented. More and more we are realizing the great need of the world for the Christian message. More and more are we realizing the great need of training our leaders. When the need of the world, and the urge to supply that need, is carried to the last man and woman in our churches, then may we hope to reach that "other half" of the world that is awaiting the Gospel message. For this purpose exists the Missionary Education Movement Conference at Asilomar.

There will be offered this year, as previously, a department for the training of primary and junior leaders; a strong Young People's department, with carefully chosen leaders, and classes in all phases of missionary instruction for adults. In all departments and classes the recommended mission study text books for the year will be used. The following speakers have been invited to address the conference:

Dr. Frederick A. Agar, from—Everyplace.

Mrs. R. W. Blosser, from San Francisco.

Rev. Franklin D. Cogswell of the M. E. M., New York.

Dr. Harvey H. Guy from Japan, and Berkeley.

Mr. Chas. W. Kinnear of Whittier.

Mrs. J. C. Roberts from Whittier.

Mrs. A. Rosenberger, who lives in Whittier, but belongs to all of us.

The Rt. Rev. L. C. Sanford, Bishop of the San Joaquin, Fresno.

Rev. Oliver H. Sisson from Burma.

Rev. Walter W. Van Kirk of New York.

Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse of Japan; also of Pasadena.

Dr. John Cobb Worley, Globetrotter.

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WHY PROHIBITION?

By Franklin Hichborn

"Prohibition in the United States is dying" announces Captain W. H. Stayton, Chairman of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment. Captain Stayton is mistaken. Prohibition isn't dying. It is growing fast, for the march of Progress which made Prohibition possible becomes increasingly dependent upon it every day.

Prohibition wasn't "put over" on the people by "long-nosed fanatics," as Captain Stayton seems to think, nor did it come because of the moral issue involved, or because of its advocacy by the "good people." It came naturally and inevitably along with social conditions which make our world of 1926 a very different world, indeed, from the world of a hundred or so years ago when everybody, from the town toper to the Methodist parson—and now they say the father of his Country himself, the immortal George—went to bed drunk more or less regularly as became the "perfect gentlemen" that they were.

Progress brings change into the world, and in the change which this generation has known there is no room for booze.

The man, or institution, or custom that stands in the way of progress, has about as much chance as the "poor simp" who gets his head between a smash-on collision between two objects moving through space with irresistible force. And booze—in the memory of those of us of this generation who are gently but firmly being edged along through no fault of our own into the grandparent class—got in the way of Progress. Hence the inevitable—Prohibition. All the good people on the face of the globe could not have "forced" Prohibition upon these United States. And when that blind unconscious something, loosely called Progress, found booze in the way, all the bad people in all the world could not have prevented Prohibition being accepted by normal men and women as a proper and necessary thing.

Incidentally, Progress as the years pass finds Prohibition more and more of a necessity for its unhampered forward-march. So, Captain Stayton is mistaken. Prohibition is not dying; it fits more and more firmly into the changing order.

Way back yonder when California was young, a matter of seventy-five years ago, or less, six-horse stage coaches, driven by men so drunk that they could not see their "leaders" ears, when tearing over mountain roads, skirting sheer drops of a thousand feet. And there was never an accident. The driver on the stage could be, and was habitually, so drunk that he could not see, but there were six sober heads filled with horse sense in front of the stage, enough to insure the public against accident. There was no particular demand for Prohibition in those days; Prohibition didn't have a chance. Even ministers took theirs and enjoyed it.

And then came the locomotive as a substitute for the six heads filled with horse sense that made stage coaching in the old days safe and secure.

The locomotive had no horse sense at all. The fool thing—unlike the drawing power of the stage coaches—did exactly as the guiding hand directed. And the guiding hand bossed by a drunken brain, proceeded to play smash, literally, for a time, until Progress, through society intent upon protecting itself, forced the first important step toward Prohibition.

Society was not in those days "dry" by any means; railroad management were not "dry" at all. But Progress was substituting the passenger train for the stage coach, and booze was making railroading unsafe.

And "wet" railroad managements, yielding to the urge of a "wet" society intent upon self-protection, formulated the famous "Rule G" as naturally and inevitably as the fall of the apple which set Newton's speculating brain to work on gravitation.

"Rule G," which to this day is printed in black-face type in the book of rules of all railroad men, provides that the use of intoxicants, or even the frequenting of places where intoxicants are sold, is sufficient cause for dismissal from the service of the company.

And "Rule G" under the urge of a decidedly anti-prohibition society, seeking safety against the unsteadying effect of booze on trainmen, was most rigidly enforced.

Thirty years ago, when newspapers were "set" by hand, each individual letter being "picked up," with our "metropolitan dailies" going to press easily and sanely at four o'clock in the morning, the drunken printer was accepted as a matter of course, and nobody expected a newspaper writer, reporter or editor, to be anything else. In the early nineties, the dawn of the newspaper as we now know it, the principal newspaper men of San Francisco journeyed down to Los Gatos to take the "Keeley Cure," for in some mysterious way it was sensed that the day of the drunken newspaper writer was drawing to its close.

Drunken printers could, and, when partially sober, did, "set type." But the complications of the linotype were too much for hands directed by drunken brains. Once more Progress demanded sobriety. And the "drunken printer" faded away into that oblivion toward which society in self-protection was unconsciously forcing the entire liquor traffic.

When the writer was a boy, the term "drunken doctor" was as common as "drunken printer." The doctor was a gentleman, and gentlemen in those days got drunk as a matter of course. It didn't make much difference. Bread pills from a drunkard's hand were no more dangerous than bread pills more soberly administered. But with the development of modern surgery, and the exactions of modern medical practice, the booze-muddled doctor followed the drunken engineer and the drunken printer off the stage. Phohibition was advancing.

As Progress moved forward, Prohibition moved with it. Handwork gave way before machinery. The drunken head of the hand-worker could get by, but the drunken head of the machine-worker could not save the fingers and the hands and the bodies of its owner from disaster. Wise workers under the changed conditions gave up their booze for safety; some employers arbitrarily insisted upon sobriety. But on the whole employers for a time replaced their maimed and dead from accidents, from the pitiful human supply forever available. And then, in a twinkling, about a dozen years ago, came Workmen's Compensaion. Maimed and dead workers mean, under Workmen's Compensation, financial loss to industry, to society as a whole. And the extension of "Rule G" or its equivalent, to all compensation—protected workers came as a matter of course.

Once again, had booze been found in the way of Progress, and once again did booze take the count.

And finally, here in America, several jumps ahead of the rest of the world, this effort of a developing society to protect itself, found definite expression in the Eighteenth Amendment. The Eighteenth Amendment came as inevitably to these progressing United States as did "Rule G" to the Progressive development of transportation facilities advancing within three-quarters of a century from the stage coach to the modern passenger train.

And what has happened in the seven years since the Eighteenth Amendment became part of our United States Constitution? Has Progress turned off into a road where it is possible for Progress to jog along comfortably and safely with old John Barleycorn? Not at all.

Progress has kept along the same old road, at a gait so rapid, that Booze is being left far, far behind. The trains are faster, machinery has become more and more complicated—and danger to hands directed by muddled heads—your surgeon and physician has more and more exacting demands upon him. And so on, and so on, up to the most general necessity for sobriety the steering wheel of the modern automobile.

Henry Ford hit it off when he observed that booze and gasoline will not mix. They won't. Seven short years ago, when the Eighteenth Amendment was enacted, there were 3,000 saloons in San Francisco alone; there was a saloon at every cross road. Such a condition would be as impossible today as an engineer with a whisky bottle on an express train locomotive. Market Street, San Francisco, and the country road through Milpitas are as safe and no safer for autoist and pedestrian alike, as the most drunken driver on it. And with legalized booze there would be drunken drivers everywhere. Society "wet" or "dry" could not and would not tolerate such a condition, any more than "wet" society of a half a century ago tolerated the drunken engineer. Either Progress had to stop in the matter of transportation or booze had to be kept out. And Progress does not stop for trifles.

Incidentally, booze, whether it be the deadly "steam beer" of brewing profits, or the "red wine" of the sunny South of Europe, or just plain, honest whisky dear to the American—and Irish heart—is booze. The automobile owner who sees his car smashed by a machine guided by a drink muddled brain suffers the same damage, the pedestrian flattened out between the wheels of a booze-driven auto and the pavement is just as dead, regardless of whether the drunken head responsible was messed up by beer, wine or whisky. And Society, blindly perhaps, making the world safe for Progress, will not tolerate such interference.

Prohibition dying! Captain Stayton should stretch himself on a modern operating table for an abdominal operation, and, just before the anesthetic takes effect, imagine what his feelings would be if the clear-eyed, steady-handed surgeon, were suddenly transformed into the shaky old practitioner of fifty years ago who went to bed drunk regularly, along with most of the honest gentlemen of the period.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Central, at Ceres.....April 13, 14
German, at Fresno..April 30—May 3
Sacramento Valley, Paradise.May 4, 5
Santa Clara, at Campbell.....May 5
Upper Bay, at Benicia.....June 1
German Y.P.S.C.E., Fresno.April 24, 25
Sonoma, at Petaluma.....May 4

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RE-ADJUSTMENTS IN THE COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For two years or more the Council of Religious Education for Northern California, succeeding the Sunday School Association, has been under financial embarrassment. For nearly the whole period the Council has been without an executive secretary. Last November the Board engaged Rev. A. J. Hansen to serve as secretary and assume the duties in December.

During the last four months Mr. Hansen has done much to revitalize the work and to bring County organizations into action. However the income of the Council has been small. With the prospect of an indebtedness of $3,500 steadily increasing, on March second the Council voted to accept the resignation of the secretary, to take effect April first, and to request the educational secretaries of the denominations for Northern California to take over the work and to allot among themselves responsibility for the various departments of the work, and to ask that the various co-operating denominations share proportionally in meeting the present deficit of the Council.

The educational secretaries have, accordingly, met and organized themselves as a "work committee" and allotted the responsibility for the church school work as follows: Children's and Young People's Division Rev. M. L. Thomas; Adult and Administrative Division, Rev. R. N. Waldraven; Conventions, Rev. O. H. Langdon; Daily Vacation Bible Schools Rev. C. L. Duncan; Week-Day Church Schools, Rev. B. D. Weigle; and Leadership Training, Rev. J. C. Prince.

The officers of the Council are Rev. M. B. Fisher, president; Rev. B. D. Weigle, corresponding secretary; Rev. J. C. Prince, recording secretary; Mr. A. E. Fear, treasurer, and Mr. A. J. Watson, chairman of the finance committee. The address of the Council is changed from 3 City Hall Avenue to 1215 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, where all correspondence should be addressed.

The denominational secretaries are co-operating in these various capacities without remuneration in order to reduce the expenses of the Council and make it possible to clear the indebtedness. The county conventions will be asked to assist in meeting the deficit and it is hoped that the denominations will do the same. Some of the counties and some of the boards have indicated their purpose of assisting in this manner.

The educational secretaries are to share in the responsibility of conducting the following schedule of County Conventions:

Contra Costa, Pittsburg.....April 1
Colusa, Williams.....April 1
Solano, Vacaville.....April 1
Shasta.....April 1
Alameda, Oakland.....May
Humboldt, Eureka.....May 7-
Tehama, Corning.....May 14-1

Other county conventions are being arranged.

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LIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

he educational task of the church oo important to be given a second- place. It will not have proper at- tion if given less weight than other k. The church that faces this task nestly will commit its interests to roup with as much standing and oo important to be given a second- hority as those of other commit- s of the church.

ehind the educational policies of church should be a group of peo- who have made themselves thor- hly acquainted with the best meth- of education in religion and with available resources for the task. e educational work of the church uires the stability of a program ed upon the intelligent convictions a number of persons, rather than n those of a changing leadership. uch a standing committee can be ured though a church may lack fessionally trained people. Better rk will be accomplished by having ne persons besides the pastor who l inform themselves concerning re- ous education and share with him responsibility of its promotion. e pastor may at first be the only der, or it may be some layman who s the need and the opportunity for ter educational work. One of the t steps should be for this leader gather about him a group of those o are best qualified. The chief re- site is that they be willing to ke the sacrifice to study the prob- n and to work for a better solution it.

The pastor can do no more impor- t work than to gather and train h a group. The group should be ormally organized for study and nning. Its members will find their t task to be that of helping to ate the sentiment that shall lead their formal recogniion as a com- ttee with authority.

All the members of the Religious ucation Committee should make rough use of such works as Cope's rganizing the Church School"; e's "Education in Religion and rals"; Betts' "How to Teach Re- ion"; Bower's "The Educational sk of the Church." The Committee ould first see clearly what is its k in the local situation.

The Committee should study the ole educational situation in the al church. It should know the lead- hip, membership, aims and program the Sunday school and of all or- nizations sharing in the education d training of children and young ople and study them especially in e light of a unified program of edu- tion. Children are committed to the urch for religious nurture and full ristian development. The Commit- e should ascertain whether the hool of the church is so graded as secure this development. Whether e material being taught is best ited to these needs, whether the adership is adequate, the housing of e school satisfactory, and the plan- ng and organizing of the work effi- ent.

With so important a task, the Re- ious Education Committee should ve authority to inquire freely and ly into the work of any agency or ganization, and to suggest any anges in policy or method which em to it desirable.

The Committee should study the ole community, or at least that part it which constitutes the recognized rish. Such a study should reveal) the nature of the population and) the forces at work upon the pop- ation for good or for ill. Having scovered the needs of the commun- , the object should be to discover e resources which the church can mmand for meeting these needs, ther within its own membership or in co-operation with other churches in the community and with the denomination as a whole.

It should be the duty of this Committee to direct the work of the church school, to nominate or appoint, and when necessary, to remove its officers and teachers, to choose the courses of study and textbooks, to secure the adequate supervision of Sunday and week-day instruction in religion, and to supervise and correlate all the agencies and activities of the church.

The Committee should undertake so to inform and interest the church as to secure the hearty support of a more adequate program. The Committee is established to make such study and recommendations as shall enable the church to adopt a forward looking policy and program. If it does its work well it will undoubtedly make such recommendations as will demand an enlightened church and definite authority from the church before it would be wise to put them into operation.

These recommendations may involve a reorganization of some agency for greater effectiveness, as for example the Sunday session of the church school; the introduction of a new type of lesson material; the preparation of a correlated program in which the various organizations have each its own appointed task; the organization of new agencies necessary to meet the needs for which provision has not been made previously; the combining or disbanding of any organizations whose work overlaps or is no longer necessary; a new plan for carrying the budget of the church school as a part of the work of the church.

The Committee should be elected by the church and make its reports directly to the church. The members of the Committee should be elected from those best qualified for the task by training and experience or by willingness and interest enough to become acquainted with the task.

The pastor should be a member exofficio. The superintendent of the church school should not logically be a member of the committee since he should hold his position by appointment or nomination of the Committee. The Committee should have constant conferences with him and with the leaders of other educational agencies of the church. It is largely through these leaders that the Committee will carry out its program. In churches employing a trained director of religious education the director will naturally bear the relation of executive officer of the Committee.

The Committee should be represented on the Standing Committee of the church. It should not be so large as to be unwieldly. In a small church three persons, in a large church five or seven should be sufficient. As the work of the Committee will be continuous, the terms of office of all members should not expire in any one year, but overlap so that a majority may continue unchanged from year to year.

For convenience of reference the above suggestions may be placed together in the form of by-laws, which may be so framed as to fit the needs of the local church and the local community. The following form is suggestive:

There shall be a Religious Education Committee of ——— members, elected by the church upon nomination of a suitable committee. The term of office shall be for three years and ——— members shall be elected at each annual meeting of the church.

The duties of the committee shall be, etc.

NEW LEADERSHIP TRAINING BOOKS

1.—Four hand-books have recently been issued as specialization units of the Standard Leadership Training Course. These will meet a real need in the training literature. Professor E. L. Mudge treats "The Psychology of Later Adolescence" in 10 chapters with the following titles: Development Toward Adulthood, The Ideals of Youth, The Romantic Period, Feeling and Emotion, Social Development, The Play of Life, Harmonious Development of Personality, Youth and Life Work, and Religious Experience. Price, 60 cents.

2.—"Agencies for the Religious Education of Adolescents" by H. C. Munro, discusses the multiplicity of agencies, those which are church-centered, the place of the home in the religious education of adolescents, occupations, voluntary associations, recreational agencies, a correlated church program and the responsibility of the church. Price 70 cents.

3.—Miss Cynthia Pearl Maus, whose books, "Youth and the Church" and "Teaching the Youth of the Church" are well known, is the author of "Youth Organized for Religious Education" in which she deals with principles underlying successful work with young people; aims, means and texts, essential factors in an educational program for young people, correlation of local church organizations, the Sunday sessions of the departments, extension meetings for the departments, the class unit of organization, fourfold-life evaluation standards and programs, building fourfold-life programs and conferences, leadership and co-operation. Price, 70 cents.

4.—"Organization and Administration of the Adult Department," by W. C. Barclay is a most practical treatment of the subject along the lines of organization for religious education, adult department organization, values of department organization, recruiting for membership, the Adult Bible Class Movement, organization of classes, organizing the department for study, teaching and service, the social and recreational program, and department and class sessions. Price 70 cents.

"What Does Christ Expect of Young People Today?" by T. H. P. Sailer, is a discussion course for youth between thirteen and sixteen years of age which the Pilgrim Press has just published. It was prepared for a group of boys and girls in Englewood, N. J., who chose the title and discussed the questions of the course under the leadership of the author. The studies are the outgrowth of the immediate problems confronting adolescents and through the discussions and resulting projects an attempt is honestly made by the group to see if these problems can be met and solved according to Christ's way of living. There is a teacher's manual including pupil's assignments. The pupil's assignments are also published in loose leaf form. Already the course is being widely used. It can be used in church school classes or in young people's societies and as a course for pastor's classes to follow the Lenten training for church membership. Price of Manual, 75 cents; assignments, 25 cents.

Mother's clubs and associations will welcome the appearance of Mrs. Caroline Clark Barney's book, "Programs for Mother's Meetings." These programs are flexible and may be adapted to meet the needs and experiences of any group. They furnish lists of rich reference material, prayers, hymns, poems, stories, books for further study, and suggestive questions for discussions. Among the subjects for programs are: How shall I Punish My Child? How Teach Obedience? Shall I Allow My Boy to Fight? How dren? How Shall We Plan for Children's Parties? How Shall I Prepare My Child for Friendship? The book is issued in paper covers at 35 cents.

"The Teaching Church" by B. S. Winchester and E. L. Shaver is a discussion course which is designed to arouse an intelligent interest in the subject on the part of the adult members of the church, to set the responsible leaders at work to study carefully their local educational problems and to lead them to begin the practice of making necessary improvements with systematic regularity and in accord with the highest religious and educational standards. The course may be used as a subject for the study of a class in the church school, the theme for consideration at the mid-week service, the basis of discussion for the monthly meeting of the officers and teachers of the school, or to furnish material for a Sunday evening forum. The book contains a valuable appendix with articles on Week-day Religious Education, Teaching the Bible, How One Church Improved Its Teaching Program, Ideals of Religious Education, and the Religious Education Committee in the Local Church. Price, 35 cents.

"Mystery Camp" by M. M. Dancy, issued by L. C. Page and Company, is a gripping, healthy book for boys. It is a 1925 story of mystery, buried treasure, a pirate ship and a real one-eyed pirate. Three young Americans camp in an old shack on a deserted island which leads to thrilling adventures. Price, $1.75.

The books reviewed in this paper can be secured through the Pilgrim Book Store, 424 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

A Conference on Week-Day Religious Education to include all religious groups is to be held in Sacramento on Sunday and Monday, May 9-10.

Mission Study classes have been or are being held in Berkeley, First and North, Oakland, First, and in Saratoga and Campbell. Dr. G. W. Hinman led the classes for the last two places.

Since January first, Pittsburg has organized two large adult Bible Classes, one for men and one for women. They are using Dean Bosworth's textbook, "Thirty Studies About Jesus."

The School of Pilgrim Church, formerly Boulevard, Oakland, reports the largest increase of any school in the Conference. The enrollment is over 400 and the attendance over 300 pupils.

The First Churches of Oakland and Berkeley have demonstrated that many parents will welcome discussions and lectures on matters centered about the home and children. in First Church, Oakland, since January first a lecture and discussion class has been held each Sunday morning with various speakers. In First Church, Berkeley, a class has been conducted by Professor C. E. Rugh during Lent. In each case the attendance has been very encouraging.

Pastors and leaders of young people's work in the churches will be glad to know that Secretary Stock of the Young People's department is to issue within a few weeks a book on "Program Building" suggesting a year's inclusive program for church young people. It will be sold in quantities of four for one dollar. The Conference educational office has ordered 300 copies. This book will be used as the text for a discussion course at the Summer Conference.

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AS THE MEXICANS DO IT

At the El Paso meeting of the Interdenominational Spanish-speaking Council last December I was elected president for the current year. The enclosed is one of the perquisites of the office, a delightful expression of the courtesy and friendly spirit of these latest comers to the United States, the Mexicans. The letter is written by the president and secretary of the Association of Sunday Schools and Christian Young Peoples Societies of Southern California.

GEO. W. HINMAN.

"Esteemed Servant of the Lord:

"Trusting that you will pardon the lateness of this communication, we assure you that none the less is the sincerity and heartiness with which we extend to you our humble congratulations upon your election to the honored Presidency of 'The Great Interdenominational Council of Spanish-speaking Work in the Southwest.

"On behalf of 'Nuestra Amada Association,' permit us to offer ourselves at your highly appreciated command in this most important and urging work of blessed Interdenominational Co-operation.

"We hope that at our next Great Convention, May 13-16 at Redlands, you may make it possible to have a representative of your Great Council bring us a brief message of greeting.

"Prayerfully yours at the Master's feet,

"LA MESA DIRECTIVA,

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"Pres. y Sria."

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ANOTHER JAPANESE MISSION

The Congregational church at San Mateo, California, Dr. C. L. Kloss, pastor,has taken up its missionary responsibility for the local Japanese in a fine way. It has forty-five Japanese children enrolled in the Sunday School with one Japanese and four American teachers. Dr. Sturge, former superintendent of Presbyterian Japanese missions, with his wife assists in the work, the pastor of our Federated (Congregational - Presbyterian) Japanese church in San Francisco holds a preaching service once a month, and two very devoted Japanese, Dr. and Mrs. Yamamoto, are the leaders of the group and exercise a fine influence in the Japanese community and in developing friendly relations with the Americans. There has been a steady increase in attendance each month.

One most interesting incident of the cooperation between the church and the Japanese has been the annual goodwill meetings in which the members of the board of trustees, the heads of departments, the pastor and others have met with the Japanese for conference, followed by Japanese refreshments. Recently the Japanese members of the Sunday School have given two fine concerts with the koto and samosen and the old folk dances by the children. They have also presented the doll festival, for which Mrs. Yamamoto wrote a description.

There are probably many other of our churches on the Pacific Coast which could with right approach gather together a considerable group of the Japanese of the second generation, who are so ready and eager for Christian Americanization.

GEO. W. HINMAN.

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SACRAMENTO BREAKS GROUND

On March 30th the Pioneer Memorial Church broke ground for the proposed new edifice on 27th and L Streets, opposite Sutter Fort. Dr. E. H. Pitts, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided and greetings were officially extended by the Mayor, A. E. Goddard, and City Manager H. C. Bottorff. The address was given by Mrs. L. L. Wirt of Berkeley, niece of Dr. J. A. Benton, Founder and First Pastor of the Church. Prayer by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Gill.

Of eight members who have been with the church forty years or more, six were present at these exercises. Their names are as follows, those starred being present:

*Mrs. Kate Weller
*Mrs. E. C. Atkinson
Mrs. M. E. Miller
*Mr. George Vogelsang
*Miss Emma Vogelsang
*Mr. J. H. Stebbins
*Mrs. G. E. Sarchett
Miss Alice Miller

Announcement was made of a memorial gift of a set of organ chimes. Work is now progressing rapidly.

SHOWERS OF BLESSING

It rained in California Easter Sunday. It rained hard and abundantly. It was a most welcome downpour, and brought smiles to most faces. A few ministers were disappointed with the interruption of their programs, but most of them rejoiced before the day was over, as the attendance and interest far surpassed the expectations of the optimistic. First Church Berkeley received 44 members, Antioch 28, Pilgrim 27, North Church 18, and several others had large accessions, the reports not reaching us in time for this issue. Mr. Champlin of Pittsburg christened forty babies and Dr. Brown of First Oakland, a similar number. Loomis had two hundred at the morning service and seventy-five at night, the pastor, R. C. Day, christening three babies. Many churches plan their Easter ingatherings at a later date. It was a great day for the Northern California Conference, according to all accounts that have reached this office.

OFFICE BREVITIES

We appreciate the showing of benevolence returns for the first quarter. It shows an improvement of $495.97 over the same period in 1925 and $1697.28 over that of the year previous. Thanks for the prompt remittances.

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The Bay Association is to be called twice soon for meetings of special character. First Church, Berkeley, invites the Association to consider the ordination of Sydney Buckham, Philip Swartz and Fred Morrow on May 6. Also on May 8 to recognize the new Armenian church in San Francisco into membership in the Bay Association.

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The Laymen's Advisory Committee appointed by our Conference Board consisting of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Richards, Dr. Wagner, Robert Leete and Mrs. E. V. Krick, have organized and will soon make a canvass for $5,500 for needed work. This will be a special solicitation of larger givers on the Project Plan and it is hoped there will be a generous response so that the National Societies will not have to close some of their fields.

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The Superintendent had three very pleasant experiences recently in addressing audiences at Saratoga, Lodi and Ceres. He also attended the Recognition service of Rev. Charles F. Clarke at Olivet and a reception given to the new minister, Rev. Fenton O. Fish, at Fruitvale.

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We are attracted by the new form of the American Missionary. It has abandoned the sectional divisions. It now covers our work as if it were one work. This reminds us that in earlier days our offices here owned jointly a large cabinet. Each society had its shelf. There was often grief if encroachments were made by parking literature of one society on the shelf of the other society. Those days are gone forever!

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We have a complete list of American Board Missionaries in this country as well as the names of those who are expected in the next few months. We look with pleasure to the coming of the Fred Goodsell family and the Elmer Galt family, as both will be in residence here during their furlough.

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Rev. and Mrs. Roscoe Douglass took a vacation trip to Trinity County and give hearty words of their reception at Weaverville, where Mr. Douglass preached. He visited both Hayfork and Lewiston, and favored them with his sermons. He will now speak from a first-hand knowledge of Home Missions.

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Word comes that Pilgrim, formerly Boulevard, had an attendance of 364 at Sunday School on March 21st. It is also reported that at Broadmoor they are putting all they can on the lawn and the rest in the church. In these two enterprises we see the rapid growth of opportunity in East Oakland.

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Richmond, San Francisco, has made notable progress under the leadership of Rev. Noel J. Breed, and Miss Mildred Weseen. This service is part time service on the part of both workers, Mr. Breed having a teaching fellowship at the University and Miss Weseen taking work at the Pacific School of Religion.

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BENEVOLENCES

March 1st to 31st, 1926

Alameda First	$ 15.0
Antioch	20.0
Berkeley First	570.6
Berkeley Park	60.2
Berkeley North	415.5
Ceres	50.0
Crockett	12.5
Eureka	41.8
Fresno First	164.0
Glen Ellen	5.0
Murphys	5.0
Oakland First	676.9
Oakland Calvary	80.0
Oakland Fruitvale	26.0
Oakland Plymouth	117.6
Oakland Olivet	10.0
Pacific Grove	36.2
Palo Alto	300.0
Petaluma	93.2
Pittsburg	35.2
Reno, Nev.	119.1
Sacramento	16.2
San Francisco First	300.0
San Jose	108.5
San Leandro	34.3
San Lorenzo	35.0
San Mateo	100.0
Santa Cruz	200.0
Santa Rosa First	73.0
Sebastopol	6.0
Tulare	45.0
Woodside	10.5
Miscellaneous	125.0
Total	$3907.9

Distribution

C. W. M. S.	$ 36.4
Conference	291.4
Annuity Fund for Ministers.	49.7
Ministerial Relief	77.3
S. S. Extension Society	66.3
Foundation for Education	99.4
Church Building Society	182.3
Educational Society	198.9
Amer Missionary Asso.	452.8
Women's Board of Missions for the Pacific	462.2
American Board of Com. for Foreign Missions	705.0
Home Missionary Society	1,285.8
Total	$3,907.9

Comparative Figures 1925-1926

Jan. 11-Feb. 28	$3,586.24	$3,671.9
Mar. 1-Mar. 31	$3,532.70	$3,907.9
	$7,118.94	$7,614.9

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BOOKS RECEIVED

GOD'S FAMILY, by Bishop Edwi Holt Hughes. 154 pages, price $1.2 The Abingdon Press, New York

INNER RADIANCE, PARAGRAPH ON CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM, b Evelyn Mabel Watson. 137 page price 75c. The Abingdon Press, Nev York City.

LODI—Five members were receive on Sunday, March 4th. Easter prove a great day in spite of the storn The Knights Templar from Stockto visited Lodi on the morning of Eas er. A large chorus choir gave specia music at this service.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMEN

The Womans' Committee of Fiv Thousand urges our women to atten the California Law Enforcement Co vention at the Fairmont Hotel, Sa Francisco, April 11-13. Registratio fee $1.00. Luncheon April 13, $1.2 Make checks for luncheon and regi tration to Mrs. Hamilton J. Riggin Treasurer, 3 City Hall Avenue, Sa Francisco.